

I am filing my comments again as they have not changed from 2014 or from this comment in May 2017.

As an Internet user both for my personal business and at my work, I'm asking the FCC to protect the net neutrality protections currently in place. The FCC should not implement the restrictive actions that are presently being proposed. They stifle innovative processes that have sprung up in the last decade. Monopolies of the type that existed in the telephone industry before AT&T was required to divest itself should not be allowed in the Internet arena, creating variable speed tunnels and throughput, censoring the results to cater to these wanna be monopolies would stifle not only innovation, but discussion and political discourse in opposition to the ISP's desires which will bring us to an autocratic, authoritarian, fascist state and not democracy. The ISP monopolies like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon are trying to recreate their monopoly of the phone business that was stifling small innovative companies that need the freedom to keep creating new ways of conveying data, voice and other media. Your predecessors recognized this and we have just broken free of the repressive policies of the ISP monopolies. Internet fast lanes, stripping Internet users of the meaningful access and privacy protections is the antithesis of democracy. I'm concerned about ISPs being allowed to discriminate against certain types of data or websites, because users will have fewer options and a less diverse Internet. Thankfully, the current net neutrality rules ensure that Internet providers can't slow or block our ability to see certain websites or create Internet "fast lanes" by charging websites and online service money to reach customers faster. That's exactly the right balance to ensure the Internet remains a level playing field that benefits small businesses and Internet users as well as larger players. The large ISPs have shown decisively in the last thirty years that they were poor gatekeepers for telecommunications and shouldn't be allowed to morph into Internet gatekeepers with an effective veto right on innovation and expression. That's not the kind of Internet we want to pass on to future generations of technology users. I urge you to keep Title II net neutrality in place, and safeguard Internet users like me. Sincerely, Michael D. Webb